

SPEAKER WITHEM: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 514 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote taken. See page 1972 of the Legislative Journal ) The vote is 40 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 8 ex used and not voting.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 514 passes. We will...are changing the agenda, we're moving forward on the agenda but we are still on Final Reading. We're moving to LB 889E. Senator Wickersham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh, Mr. Speaker, just briefly I guess I was a little bit ahead of the schedule, but if I might just briefly rise to a point of personal privilege. I might note that I have been authorized by the Ground Water Foundation to confer an award on the Natural Resources Committee and to recognize the capabilities, dedication and knowledge of the Natural Resources Committee. On March 21, 1995 the committee participated in the first "Dripial" Pursuit tournament. They withstood the challenge of three fourth graders from Grand Island and bested the fourth graders by a score of 35 to 33 in a contest of knowledge about ground water. I am told that the committee was only finally able to best the fourth graders because they were able to answer a question relating to the 1935 flood in the Republican River Valley and that the committee was only able to answer that question because Senator Elmer's parents had lived through it. But, Senator Crosby, if you have...

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, I lived through that flood, too, Chris. I just wanted to say that a lot of you think that Chris Beutler doesn't know anything about water, but there's an awful lot of people, little fourth graders that found out that he does, so...I was there too, so Bob and I were glad to be there.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: At any rate, Senator Beutler, as captain of the Natural Resources Committee team, on behalf of the Ground Water Foundation, let me present to you this traveling trophy. Let us hope that you are able to best the fourth graders again next year. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING